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Ruttiger-Wright Letters Said to Be
Taken from the Post Office

**A Second Inquest Begun on the
Astor House Suicide.**

Important Information of the Double
Suicide Due from England.

Coroner Levy's second investigation into the death of "Fred Evans," the Astor House suicide, or William Wright, as has now been fully established by THE EVENING WORLD, is to go on this afternoon.

In addition to all the persons who have identified the body of "Evans" as that of Wright, the coroner has summoned several of the witnesses who testified at the first inquest.

Among these are Perrin H. Sumner, the pro-

The theory of this case adopted by THE EVENING WORLD, that of the double suicide, is

The letter written to Gustave Neu by John Campbell, of Rochester, N. H., telling of a mysterious stranger who recently visited that village, and who answered the description of

The identification of Wright in the Astor House suicide, has been so positive and complete that neither Inspector Byrnes nor District-Attorney Fitzgerald entertain the slightest doubt of its accuracy, and until stronger evi-

The Campbell letter, in fact, is regarded generally as a piece of very clumsy romancing, the improbability and inconsistency of

One curious fact, however, remains unexplained. It has been learned that letters were written to Wright by his mother and his brother Richard, the first of which should have reached New York about Feb. 11, and the

A search by the Post-Office authorities has failed to bring either of those letters to light, nor did they ever appear on any of the unclaimed letter lists. Somebody must have

None of the delivery clerks remember giving out any letters addressed to Wright, but it is hard to be expected that they would recall

The mere fact that those letters have been called for and taken away is in no way inconsistent with the fact of his suicide; but it suggests that there may be others who know the details of the mysterious tragedy, and who at

least were more familiar with the affairs and movements of the two men than any persons who have yet been brought forward.

RUTTINGER'S HAT IS FOUND.

A black derby hat has been found under a boat near Elliott's dock at Tottenville which is

Its size is 7½, which is the size Ruttinger is said to have worn, and in the inner leather band are stamped the words, "Capital and Labour, Commercial Road, London." The hat was found within a hundred feet of the place where Ruttinger's body lay.

It is suggested by the Staten Island police that the hat may have belonged to Wright, and if this can be proved it would show that Wright was the murderer. As Wright was provided with a hat when he went to the Astor House, it is not probable that the one found

DOUBLE SUICIDE THEORY STRENGTHENED.
The theory of double suicide is strengthened by the facts recently brought out showing the morbid tendencies of both Wright and Ratten-

It is said that they both told their acquaintances that they were willing to do anything, and that Wright was even willing to wash dishes in order to support himself.

The stichial idea undoubtedly originated with Rottinger, who had insured his life for

an enormous amount of money for a man in his position of life, only a few weeks previous to his departure from Germany.

He probably sacrificed nearly all that remained of his money to pay the first premium, and then came to this country fully determined to make away with himself should he

Disappointment made him tired of life, and Wright, who was easily influenced and was naturally of a meroid disposition, readily fell in with Mullinger's plan. The place was se-

Perhaps Wright at first only undertook to carry out Kautzner's instructions, to dispose of his body in such a manner as to point conclusively to murder. It may not have been part of the plan that he, too, should commit

The fearful scene, however, which he had witnessed and the ghastly act in which he had participated completely unbalanced Wright; and there is nothing more natural than to suppose that he would immediately put an end to

British Consul General William Lane Booker found nothing in the early foreign mails this morning bearing upon the Ruttinger-Wright mystery, but all the English mail had not yet been received up to noon. The Cunarder Auraria

reached her pier about 12 o'clock, with English mails on board.